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**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS** 

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the

application:

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:** 

1. (currently amended): A fastener element for fastening a fluid dispenser member on a

fluid reservoir, said fastener element including a deformable snap-fastener portion for snap--

fastening on a neck of the reservoir, said fastener element being characterized in that wherein

stiffener means are provided inside said deformable snap-fastener portion for substantially

preventing said deformable snap-fastener portion from deforming after snap-fastening.

2. (currently amended): A fastener element according to claim 1, in which said

deformable snap-fastener portion comprises a lateral skirt of said fastener element, and a

projection projecting radially inwards from the inside wall of said lateral skirt.

3. (previously presented): A fastener element according to claim 1, in which said

stiffener means are inserted, integrated, sunk, or embedded inside said deformable snap-fastener

portion.

4. (previously presented): A fastener element according to claim 1, in which said

stiffener means comprise one or a plurality of rigid and/or resilient elements.

5. (currently amended): A fastener element according to claim 4, in which the rigid

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and/or resilient element(s) extend in or around the periphery of the deformable snap-fastener

portion.

6. (previously presented): A fastener element according to claim 1, in which said

stiffener means comprise at least one substantially rigid and/or resilient circular insert.

7. (previously presented): A fastener element according to claim 6, in which the inside

diameter of said at least one circular insert is not less than the outside diameter of the neck of the

reservoir.

8. (previously presented): A fastener element according to claim 6, in which said circular

insert is made as a single part.

9. (previously presented): A fastener element according to claim 6, in which said circular

insert is constituted by a plurality of insert sections.

10. (previously presented): A fastener element according to claim 6, in which said

circular insert is a metal wire.

11. (previously presented): A fastener element according to claim 10, in which said

wire includes a plurality of turns.

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12. (previously presented): A fastener element according to claim 1, in which said fastener element is a snap-fastenable ring for fastening a pump on a neck of a reservoir, said ring being made integrally with pump-receiver means co-operating with the pump body, and a

ferrule portion extending inside said pump body so as to define the rest position of the pump.

13. (previously presented): A fastener element according to claim 12, in which said

snap-fastenable ring is made from a single plastics material.

14. (previously presented): A fastener element according to claim 12, in which said

snap-fastenable ring is made from a plurality of different plastics materials.

15. (previously presented): A fluid dispenser device, including a dispenser member,

mounted on a fluid reservoir by means of a fastener element, wherein said fastener element is

made according to claim 1.

16. (previously presented): A fastener element according to claim 1, wherein the fluid

dispenser member is a pump or a valve.

17. (previously presented): A fluid dispenser device according to claim 15, wherein the

dispenser member is a pump or a valve.

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18. (previously presented): A fastener element for fastening a fluid dispenser member on

a fluid reservoir, said fastener element comprising a deformable snap-fastener portion that snap-

fastens onto a neck of the reservoir, the fastener element comprising a resilient or rigid stiffener

element inside the snap-fastener portion that substantially prevents the snap-fastener portion

from deforming after snap-fastening.

19. (currently amended): The fastener element according to claim 18, wherein the

stiffener element is inserted or embedded inside the <u>deformable</u> snap-fastener portion.